



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: DeLaSalle High School of Minneapolis won its sixth straight Minnesota Class AAA State Championship on March 25th, defeating Austin 72-44; and

WHEREAS: DeLaSalle is the first high school in the 105-year history of the Minnesota State Tournament to win five straight boys' championships. The 2016-2017 team finished with a record of 29-3, and were the Section 6AAA champions prior to winning the State Tournament; and

WHEREAS: Head Coach Dave Thorson won the Class AAA State Championship game to conclude his career at DeLaSalle with a record of 529 wins and 136 losses. In his 23 years at DeLaSalle, the Islanders qualified for fifteen state tournaments, won nine titles and finished as runner-up twice.

WHEREAS: The team's assistant coaching staff included Todd Anderson, David Collier '99, Nicholas Grue '98, C.J. Hallman '02, Johnell Hallman '04, Tim Mieure, and Dan Rubischko. The team's trainer was Cindy Schlafman, and the strength coach was Chris Hartmann; and

WHEREAS: The team's roster included: J.T. Baker, Dominic Bledsoe, Sage Booker, Jack Borman, Christian Dickson, Will Irvin, Gabe Kalscheur, Malik Lamin, Goanar Mar, Rayquan Moore, Patrick Podewils, Tyrell Terry, Brady Thompson, Julian Wright, and Neilyn Wright; and

WHEREAS: Since 1927, DeLaSalle boys' basketball teams have qualified for 48 state tournaments and won 23 state championships; and

WHEREAS: DeLaSalle serves students from Minneapolis and surrounding communities who seek a high-quality, values-based, academic preparation for life guided by principles of its Lasallian tradition; and

WHEREAS: The team represents a microcosm of the entire student body at DeLaSalle, Minnesota's most diverse private high school— including students from many different socio-economic, racial, neighborhood, and family backgrounds; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota congratulates the DeLaSalle boy's basketball team on their historic season.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, June 16, 2017, as:

DELASALLE BOYS' BASKETBALL DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 12th day of June.


GOVERNOR



LT. GOVERNOR